

**BLACK TORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**1 In Attendance:** S.White (Chairman), E. Barnes (Vice Chairman), S. Floyer, M.Down, C.Lock, D.Haywood, P. Riches Mills, M.Taylor. (Parish Clerk),  
Distr. Cllr Phil Hackett,

**2 Apologies for absence.** P.Roberts. Visiting family in Sth. Africa (approved). D.Bates medical emergency (approved)

**3 Declarations of interest relevant to this agenda:** None.

**4 Open Public Session.**

Two parties of parishioners attended.

The first party was critical of the way that TDC and Black Torrington Parish Council had handled its planning applications, the first of which was rejected after appeal and the second, under a different property name is still ongoing. Following accusations against individual councillors, the Chairman agreed to review the history of this issue.

The second party attended to clarify for the Council, details of its application and extend an invitation to visit the site in question.

**5 Approval of minutes and any matters arising.**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously following a proposal made by Cllr. Haywood and seconded by Cllr. Barnes.

**Matters arising**

*Item 13 Training* No progress has been made by TDC to provide councillor training.

*Corrections:* item 7 line 1 “village carpark” should read “overflow carpark”.

Item 14 (Website) line 5 “council business” should read “council notifications”.

**6 Playing Field Committee Report.**

Applications to various bodies are still being submitted to obtain funding to replace or repair playground equipment. Cllr. Hackett suggested that the New Homes Bonus scheme may be a source of funds.

New basket ball back boards have been installed and a pair of portable goals have been purchased.

A community clean-up day was well supported and a great deal was achieved.

**7 Village Hall Report.**

The outside of the hall has been painted.

A concert with a popular local singer will take place on November 18<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped to arrange a 60s/70s disco but no date has been fixed yet.

## **8 Planning.**

- 6 holiday lodges at Kingslake, Beaworthy.
- Caravan and general storage at Upcott, Black Torrington.
- Residential development at Long Cross, Black Torrington.
- Extension, Owl Barn, Chilla.

The Council could see no problems with these.

## **9 Financial Statement and approval of payments.**

The accounts had been circulated to all cllrs. prior to this meeting,

The Financial Update Statement to the end of June 2017 was presented and approved.

Current Account holds £11,533.27      Reserve a/c holds £3,180

## **10 Areas of councillor responsibility.**

This matter to be dealt with as a working document after which details will be published.

## **11 War Memorial**

The saga continues! Cllr. Haywood has approached two local builders who showed no interest. Stacey's to make a site visit later this week.

The alternative plans are either a virtually total rebuild of the masonry and stone work surrounding the memorial or repair the damaged sections in keeping as far as possible with the original. Cllrs. were impressed with the way the garden around the memorial is maintained.

## **12 TaP grants (Town and Parish)**

Cllrs were asked to come up with ideas of how this council could work with an adjacent council on a project to utilise this money (Approximately £470)

## **13 On going matters.**

- Parish Plan. *IS COMPLETED!* thanks to Cllrs Floyer and Barnes. The means of distribution throughout the parish, now to be arranged.
- Website. A Transparency Fund application has been made. This will pay for new hardware, training, and design and set-up costs for a completely new website. Meanwhile the existing website will be taken down since so much of its content is out of date.

## **14 Correspondence-**

Letter from Playing Field Committee asking Council to consider using the TaP fund to help towards the playground equipment.

**15 Date of next meeting.** September 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.30pm in the Methodist School Room.

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